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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of: Wade C.)
Patterson and Thomas J. Watson)
Application No: 10/035,750)
Filed: October 23, 2002)
Attorney Docket No. 8213)

For: DATA COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN INFRARED
DEVICES

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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2005, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims as amended are respectfully requested. Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time of two months in responding to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, on the above-identified application.

The extension extends the time to respond from August 3, 2005, to October 3, 2005, and this petition, together with an Amendment B and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment B to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for a large entity, which is a \$450.00 extension fee for response within the third month. Since after the Amendment B, 20 claims remain pending, of which 3 are independent, and since in the application 20 claims (the minimum) were paid for, of which 3 claims were independent, no additional fee is believed to be due.

The total thus due for this Amendment B is \$450.00, and a check for the \$450.00 for the extension of time fee is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment B, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the replacement drawing sheets appended hereto and an explanation of the changes is presented on page 4 of this Amendment B.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this Amendment B.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Amendment B.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 13 of this Amendment B.

Please make the following amendments to the application: